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Michael Lesar, Chief
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Dear Mr. Lesar:

The Department of the Interior has reviewed the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for an Early Site Permit at the North Anna ESP Site, in North Anna, Virginia. With the exception of the issue discussed in the paragraph below, the DEIS adequately addresses issues of concern to the Department, including those regarding fish and wildlife resources, as well as species protected by the Endangered Species Act.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has determined that there is at least one nest of the bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*), federally listed threatened at Lake Anna. The Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (VDGIF) believes there are additional nests, but the Lake Anna area is not part of the annual aerial survey, so confirmation of nests would require additional ground truthing. We recommend the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (USNRC) develop an eagle management plan to protect eagle habitat along sections of the lake shore while allowing development in others. Both land clearing and boat traffic impact eagles. We understand that Virginia Dominion Power regulates piers on the Lake. The Service is interested in pursuing a Memorandum of Agreement with USNRC, Virginia Dominion Power, and VDGIF to address eagle management at Lake Anna.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments. Any questions or further coordination on fish and wildlife resource issues should be directed to Eric Davis of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife's Virginia Field Office at (804) 693-6694.

Sincerely,

Michael T. Chezik
Regional Environmental Officer

cc: Eric Davis- FWS-VAFO